



News from the Shelby County Mayor's Office

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Crime Victim Professionals and Advocates to Receive Awards

Those who assist crime victims will be honored at an awards ceremony tomorrow night. Winners serve in various roles within the criminal justice system.

"We appreciate those who show an outstanding commitment to help crime victims. The ceremony will not only honor those people but highlight the strength of crime victim survivors," said Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

The program, coordinated by the Shelby County Victims' Center, is free and open to the public. It will be held **Thursday, April 25, 2013 at First Baptist-Broad, 2835 Broad Avenue**. A reception begins at 5:00 PM with the program following at 5:30.

This is the 18th year for the awards program. The theme of the ceremony is "New Challenges, New Solutions." Other sponsors include various bureaus of Shelby County Government, Shelby County Sheriff's Office, Shelby County District Attorney's Office, City of Memphis, the United States Attorney's Office and the Family Safety Center of Memphis and Shelby County.

Three awards will be presented:

The Criminal Justice Professional of the Year Award

The Victim Service Provider of the Year Award

The Victim Advocate of the Year Award

Criminal Court Division VII Judge Lee V. Coffee will give the keynote address. The ceremony will conclude at 6:30.

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